

In the Claims:

1. (original) A disposable pant garment, comprising:

a garment chassis having a front direction and a back direction;

a front side-panel and a back side-panel, each extending from the same side of the garment chassis;

the front side panel and the back side panel each having a waist end edge and a leg end edge and having a distal edge extending from the leg end edge to the waist end edge,

6A such that when the garment is laid out flat, each distal edge of each side panel defines a vector extending from one of the waist end edge or the leg end edge along the distal edge of the side panel towards the longitudinal axis of the garment, the vectors of the side panels crossing the longitudinal axis of the garment chassis at congruent angles.

2. (original) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 1, wherein: the angles defined by the front and back side panel distal edges are acute angles.

3. (original) The disposable pant garment of Claim 1, wherein:

when the garment is laid out flat, the distal edge of the front side panel defining a vector extending from the leg end edge of the front side panel towards the waist end edge of the front side panel,

the distal edge of the back side panel defining a vector extending from the waist end edge of the back side panel towards the leg end edge of the back side panel.

4. (original) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 1, wherein: the front and back side panels are engagable at areas proximal their distal edges to create a side seam for the garment, the side seam having a first terminus at a waist opening of the garment and extending diagonally along a side portion of the garment so as to extend across the side portion to a second terminus at a leg opening of the garment.

5. (original) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 4, wherein: the front and back side panels are releasably engagable to create the side seam.

6A 6. (original) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 5, wherein: the front and back side panels have refastenable fastening components disposed thereon.

7. (original) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 6, wherein: the fastening components include hook and loop fasteners.

8. (original) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 7, wherein: the hook and loop fasteners comprise strips of hook material and strips of loop material fastened to the side panels parallel and adjacent to the distal edges of the side panels.

9. (original) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 8, wherein: the back side panel has a loop fastener.

10. (original) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 8, wherein: the front side panel has a hook fastener.

11. (original) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 8, wherein: the hook fastener extends from a first surface of the garment.

12. (original) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 11, wherein: the loop fastener extends from a second surface of the garment opposite the first surface.

6A 13. (original) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 5, wherein: the side seam has a line of weakness between front and back side panels.

14. (currently amended) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 1, wherein: the front and back side panels are bonded to the garment chassis.

15. (currently amended) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 1, wherein: the front and back side panels are integral to the garment chassis.

16. (original) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 3, wherein: the angles defined by the front and back side panel edges are acute angles.

17. (original) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 16, wherein: the front and back side panels have refastenable fastening components disposed thereon.

18. (original) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 17, wherein: the fastening components include hook and loop fasteners.

19. (original) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 18, wherein: the hook and loop fasteners comprise strips of the hook and loop material fastened proximal to and parallel with the distal edges of the side panels.

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20. (original) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 19, wherein: the back side panel has a loop fastener.

21. (original) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 20, wherein: the front side panel has a hook fastener.

22. (original) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 21, wherein: the hook fastener extends from a first surface of the garment.

23. (original) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 22, wherein: the loop fastener extends from a second surface of the garment.

24. (currently amended) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 23, wherein: the front and back side panels are bonded to the garment chassis.

25. (currently amended) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 23, wherein: the front and back side panels are integral to the garment chassis.

26. (currently amended) A disposable pant garment, comprising:
a garment chassis having a front direction and a back direction;
a front side-panel and a back side-panel, each extending from the same side of the garment chassis;

GA the front side panel and the back side panel each having a waist end edge and a leg end edge and having a distal edge extending from the leg end edge to the waist end edge;

such that when the garment is laid out flat, each distal edge of each side panel defines a vector extending from one of the waist end edge or the leg end edge along the distal edge of the side panel towards the longitudinal axis of the garment, the vectors of the side panels crossing the longitudinal axis of the garment chassis at congruent angles; and

at least one of the front side panel and the back side panel being constructed from at least two pieces of material bonded together wherein one piece is proximal to the absorbent chassis and another piece is distal from the absorbent chassis.

27. (original) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 26, wherein: the angles defined by the front and back side panel distal edges are acute angles.

28. (original) The disposable pant garment of Claim 26, wherein:

when the garment is laid out flat, the distal edge of the front side panel defining a vector extending from the leg end edge of the front side panel towards the waist end edge of the front side panel;

the distal edge of the back side panel defining a vector extending from the waist end edge of the back side panel towards the leg end edge of the back side panel.

29. (original) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 26, wherein: the front and back side panels are engagable at areas proximal their distal edges to create a side seam for the garment;

6A the side seam having a first terminus at a waist opening of the garment and extending diagonally along a side portion of the garment so as to extend across the side portion to a second terminus at a leg opening of the garment.

30. (original) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 29, wherein: the front and back side panels are releasably engagable to create the side seam.

31. (original) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 30, wherein: the front and back side panels have refastenable fastening components disposed thereon.

32. (original) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 26, wherein: the back side panel is constructed from at least two pieces of material permanently bonded together.

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33. (currently amended) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 26, wherein one of the front side panel and the back side panel consists of two members, the members including a first member having the attachment component distal from the garment chassis and a second member proximal the garment chassis and permanently bonded thereto, the two members being bonded together.

34. (new) A disposable pant garment, comprising:
a garment chassis having a front direction and a back direction;
a front side-panel and a back side-panel, each extending from the same side of the garment chassis;

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the front side panel and the back side panel each having a waist end edge and a leg end edge and having a distal edge extending from the leg end edge to the waist end edge,

such that when the garment is laid out flat, each distal edge of each side panel defines a vector extending from one of the waist end edge or the leg end edge along the distal edge of the side panel towards the longitudinal axis of the garment, the vectors of the side panels crossing the longitudinal axis of the garment chassis at congruent angles; and

the side seam having a line of weakness between the front and back side panels.

35. (new) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 1, wherein: the front side panel and back side panel comprise elastomeric materials.

36. (new) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 35, wherein: the front side panel and back side panel are elastomeric in a direction transverse to the longitudinal axis of the garment.

37. (new) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 35, wherein: the front side panel and back side panel are elastomeric from the waist end edge to leg end edge.

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38. (new) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 26, wherein: the front side panel and back side panel comprise elastomeric materials.

39. (new) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 35, wherein: the front side panel and back side panel are elastomeric in a direction transverse to the longitudinal axis of the garment.

40. (new) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 35, wherein: the front side panel and back side panel are elastomeric from the waist end edge to leg end edge.

41. (new) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 1, wherein: the front side panel and back side panel distal edges are not collinear.

42. (new) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 26, wherein: the front side panel and back side panel distal edges are not collinear.

43. (new) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 6, wherein: at least one of the refastenable fastening components is integral with a surface of a side panel.

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45. (new) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 6, wherein: the garment is fastenable by overlapping the back side panel over the front side panel.

46. (new) The disposable pant garment according to Claim 31, wherein: the garment is fastenable by overlapping the back side panel over the front side panel.